



Smoke Signals

Chaperone for Quest Winners

Mrs. Muriel Stewart, senior Vice-President of the Aboriginal Women's Association, has been appointed chaperone for the prize winners in the 1964 N.A.D.O.C. writing quest.

The prizes are tours to the Snowy Mountains and to Canberra.

All prizes in the competition have been donated by the Rural Bank.



Aboriginal Sunday Observed in Kyogle

Recently in Kyogle a novel and extremely interesting day was observed—Aboriginal Sunday.

At the request of the local Methodist Church, Aborigines from as far apart as Tabulam, Tweed Heads and Woodenbong arrived in Kyogle in buses hired for the occasion.

Their arrival attracted great interest amongst local citizens.

During the day open-air Gospel meetings were held at the hospital and in the park. The musical items were received most favourably.

Visitors enjoyed a basket tea, and then assembled in the Kyogle Methodist Church for the evening service.

Aboriginal choirs from Tweed Heads and Woodenbong thrilled the over-flowing congregation with the precision and quality of the singing and accompaniment.

The preacher was the Rev. Frank Roberts, of Lismore.

After the service supper was served in the Methodist Hall.

Aboriginal Sunday has been an institution in Kyogle for only two years, yet although there are no Aborigines dwelling in the town, the day has already become a marked feature in the life of the Kyogle Methodist Church and Kyogle itself.

Beauty Contest Winner

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read in your magazine dated January, 1964, of Aboriginal nurse, Miss Audrey Cobby, believed to have been the first Aboriginal girl to reach the semi-finals in any of the State sections of the Miss Australia Quest.

My daughter, the former Lois Briggs—a professional mannequin—won the title of Miss Melbourne in the 1961 Miss Australia Quest.

Lois was sponsored by the Brenda Marshall Model College, of which she was a pupil, and the Randal Hair Salon, in Melbourne.

You may remember Lois as Australia's first Aboriginal model. We are proud of her achievements.

Yours sincerely,

G. R. Briggs

[Thank you for the letter. Lois is unquestionably a most beautiful girl, and you have every reason to be proud of her.—Ed.]

The former Miss Lois Briggs, Miss Melbourne of 1961

